



## February Newsletter



### Dates to Remember

#### February

2 - PTO meeting at 9:15 in Cafeteria

17- Professional Development - No School

20- President's Day- No School

21-24 - East Goes West ( Westward Expansion) 3rd

### From Our Principal

Dear Parents,

As I write this, our PTO's Bowling in the Hills event is a week away. This event, which provides vital funds for our students, has quickly turned into a real crowd-pleaser! With our very successful gift wrap sale and Fall Carnival already behind us, our PTO has already funded some excellent resources to benefit our students:

- Reading Resources—Our first grade team has ordered the Units of Study for Teaching Reading by Lucy Calkins to supplement our reading curriculum. This tool will provide for a deeper level of comprehension teaching tool to build the skills necessary for students to progress in reading skills needed for self-monitoring and setting long term goals in reading.
- Science Resources—Our third grade team has ordered sets of non-fiction and fiction books to complement our Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) implementation.

Our second grade team has ordered Lego supplies for their classrooms for building, engineering, creating, revising and problem solving to

<p>graders</p> <p>24- Pioneer Days for 3rd Grade</p> <p>27- Book Fair Week - Read Across America Week</p> <p>28 - Spring Pictures</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p>3 - Book Fair Ends - Read Across America</p> <p>6-10 - Faculty Appreciation Week</p> <p>10 - End of 3rd Nine Weeks</p> <p>14-16 Kindergarten PE program in Gym</p> <p>17 - Report Cards go home</p> <p>21-22 Third Grade Musical</p> <p>27-31 Spring Break</p>	<p>support the use of STEM in the classroom. STEM in the classroom is the incorporation of science, technology, engineering and math to solve problems by creating a solution. Legos allow for open-ended problem solving that are reusable, engaging and familiar. They will also support and extend lessons in the AMSTI kits being used to teach science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology Resources— Osmo kits were ordered for kindergarten and first grade classrooms. Osmo is a tool that integrates with iPads to enable students to manipulate real objects and seamlessly integrate that interaction with iPad problem-solving tasks.</li> <li>• Special Needs Resources—Our special needs classrooms received two iPad Airs and a much needed new refrigerator.</li> </ul> <p>Our PTO hopes to provide more resources to benefit our kids after Bowling in the Hills. I'll pass on that information in a later edition of <i>East Express</i>.</p> <p>I cannot express our appreciation enough for the servant-minded attitude of our parents. This is what separates our school from so many others. Thank you!</p> <p>Kindergarten enrollment in Vestavia Hills begins on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Even if you do not have an upcoming kindergartner, I hope you'll share this information with any Vestavia Hills friends and neighbors who do. Information regarding what is required to enroll new kindergartners may be found on our website. Remember: the sooner new kindergartners are enrolled the better we can prepare for the upcoming year!</p> <p>Having a Wonderful Time at School!</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to our school spelling bee winner and runner-up. Amelia Morris from Nancy Pennington's class was our winner, and Sam Baskar Raj from Gardner Farris' class was our runner-up. Oliver Ford from Suzanne Bonovitch's class and Sean Pau from Carla Palmer's class both achieved perfect scores on our written test. Great job Amelia, Sam, Oliver, and Sean!</li> </ul>
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Bowling in the Hills was again a GREAT success!! Bowling lanes sold out early, which meant such a fun evening for bowlers and spectators too! We want to send a HUGE thank you to Beth Martin and her fabulous committee who worked effortlessly to make this one of our most popular East fundraisers. Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who helped make this event possible:

**Randy Waldrop with Alliance Signs** for creating our Lane Sponsorship Banners

Chad Martin with **The G Brand** for creating our amazing logo

Frank and Julia Vines with **LoweGo Sportswear** for supplying the shirts

Bob Barker with **Big Color** for creating our Thank You and Bracket Boards

**Vestavia Bowl** for hosting the event

**Moes BBQ and Donatos Pizza** for donating food for the event

**Daylight Donuts** for the dessert

Mark Yanosky with **Yanosky Orthodontics** for their event donation

And thank you also to all of our Lane Sponsors:

Wade and Emily Watkins

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# *Dinner &* DIAMONDS



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FEBRUARY 25  
2017

7 PM — 11 PM

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The Vestavia Hills City School Foundation "Pitch In for Education" campaign gives students an opportunity to personally make a difference in their schools. By "Pitching In" loose change or bills, students help grow the Foundation's Education Endowment, which provides a perpetual source of funding for the Vestavia Hills City Schools System.

Our schools are the cornerstone of our community, and we are proud to have one of the best school systems in the country. Giving to the Foundation helps foster and protect our standard of academic excellence. To date, the Foundation has granted over \$784,000 to the Vestavia Hills Schools System for technology, classroom projects and teacher training.

Start Pitching In right away! The class in each school that contributes the most during their Pitch In campaign will win a Bruster's Real Ice Cream Party, and the teacher will win a \$50 classroom grant!

### How Can You Pitch In?

- **Start saving your loose change today!**
- **Fill up your Pitch In cup with pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and bills.**
- **Take your cup to your classroom each morning and empty it in the Pitch In bucket.**
- **See how many times you can fill up your cup in a week!**

**Parents-** Please use this opportunity to send in your pledge payment or make a new pledge to the Foundation. All payments made during the campaign go towards your child's classroom Pitch In total. Use the pledge card below, or make your pledge through PayPal via our website, [www.vestaviafoundation.org](http://www.vestaviafoundation.org). VHSCF is a 501(c)3 organization, so your gift is tax deductible.

### Campaign Dates and School Contacts

VHEC ~January 23-27, 2017– Alissa Padgett: [Alissa\\_padgett@yahoo.com](mailto:Alissa_padgett@yahoo.com)  
 VHEW ~January 23-27, 2017– Allison Herr: [allisonwhiteherr@hotmail.com](mailto:allisonwhiteherr@hotmail.com)  
 VHECH~February 6-10, 2017– LeArden Pike: [leardenpike@gmail.com](mailto:leardenpike@gmail.com)  
 Pizitz~ February 6-10, 2017– Deborah Newsom: [deborah3528@att.net](mailto:deborah3528@att.net)  
 LPMS~February 13-17, 2017-Angie Saia: [asaia@charter.net](mailto:asaia@charter.net)  
 VHEE~February 20-24, 2017-Emily Fulton: [epfulton@gmail.com](mailto:epfulton@gmail.com)  
 VHELP ~March 6-10, 2017– Laura Hubbard: [lhubbard2@gmail.com](mailto:lhubbard2@gmail.com)

If you are interested in contributing to the future of the Vestavia Hills community, contact Elaine Yancey, Executive Director ([director@vestaviafoundation.org](mailto:director@vestaviafoundation.org); 205.978.8808) or submit this pledge card.

Yes, I want to invest in the Vestavia Hills City Schools. Please use my gift to **BUILD** the endowment.

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 Investor (\$10,000)  Builder (\$5,000)  Supporter (\$2,500)  
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My employer has a charitable matching program:  Yes  No

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